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Review of Project AECOB SR/Headquarters Target Area Latvian SSR

Period March 1954 - June 1955

1. Production

Number of Reports Received: 14  
Number Used in Disseminations: 14  
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2. Evaluation of Product

Seven customer evaluations of AECOB reports were made by ORR (2), ARMY (3), and the Air Force (2). Although some of the information was considered of value, it was commented upon as being generally too vague and lacking in detail. Air Force, in its comments, emphasized the importance of including identifying plane markings; ARMY and ORR stressed the importance of including characteristic bridge information, such as - type, length, number of spans, vertical clearance, etc.; and ORR, with respect to railroads, pointed out the importance of including information on the type of motive power, rolling stock, etc.

AECOB reports consisted of airfield information, railroad train schedules, information on military movements and installations, and miscellaneous political and economic information. This information was for the most part fragmentary and lacking in specific detail, a possible exception being one report on the Stalin Canal.

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3. Requirements

There are no specific customer requirements for the Latvian SSR. There are requirements for the USSR, however, which are applicable to Latvia and suitable for submission to this project where capabilities exist or are developed. One AECOB report supplied information on the Stalin Canal, an IPC target outside AECOB's stated area of operation.

4. Recommendations

The present objectives as stated for AECOB are operational. In the process of producing any further positive intelligence information, however, AECOB sources should be briefed on the importance of observing and reporting as much specific detail as practicable.

Renewal is recommended.

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